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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference BA9308PCT			ent's file reference	FOR FURTHER A	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)				
International application No. PCT/US 03/23821				International filing date 29.07.2003	ing date (day/month/year) Priority date (day/month/year) 31.07.2002				
	International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07D413/14								
	Applicant E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY et al.								
1.	 This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this international Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36. 								
2.	2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.								
	This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).						re ity		
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1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):

	Description, Pages							
	1-7	2	as originally filed					
	Claims, Numbers							
	1-1	1	as originally filed					
2.	With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authorit language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.							
	The	ese elements were av	ailable or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:					
		the language of a tra	anslation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).					
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3.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:							
		contained in the inte	rnational application in written form.					
		filed together with the	e international application in computer readable form.					
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	The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.							
		The statement that the listing has been furni	ne information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence ished.					
4.	The	amendments have re	esulted in the cancellation of:					
		the description,	pages:					
		the claims,	Nos.:					
		the drawings,	sheets:					
5.		This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).						
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6.	Add	itional observations, i	f necessary:					

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- V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims Claims 1-11

No:

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

Claims

1-11

No:

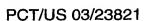
Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims Claims No:

1-11

see separate sheet

2. Citations and explanations



EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: Org. Prep. Proced. Int. (1993), 25, 588-590

Novelty (Article 33(2) PCT)

The present process differs from the typical procedure disclosed in D1 (page 589, 4th paragraph) in step 3, i.e. in adding additional sulfonyl chloride after contacting the two reactants.

The present invention is novel.

Inventive Step (Article 33(3) PCT)

D1 discloses a process for the preparation of a fused oxazinone and can be regarded as the closest prior art.

According to the Applicant (see e.g. the Applicant's letter of 16.06.04) the problem of the invention was the provision of an improved process for preparing fused oxazinones.

By modifying the process in D1 (present step 3 and ratios of reactants in the present steps 1-3) the Applicant has achieved a process with a higher product yield (typical vields above 80%, see present description, e.g. tables 1-3, page 45) than the process described in D1 (typical yields of 60% or lower, see D1, table, page 588).

D1 does not contain any indications which would have prompted a skilled person with the goal of providing a process with a higher yield to modify the process in D1 like it has been done in the present invention.

Therefore the present invention is based on an inventive step.